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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 6-8 VISIT BY CSSR DEPUTY FONMIN

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FCO CZECHOSLOVAK DESK OFFICERS OCTOBER 14 FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF OCTOBER 6-8 VISIT TO LONDON BY CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL.

2. FCO OFFICERS SAID VISIT, WHILE UNSPECTACULAR, HAD GONE AS WELL AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. ONE OF 12 OUTSTANDING DIVIDED FAMILY CASES WAS SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED, BUT FCO OFFICER WRYLY NOTED THAT AT RATE OF "ONE CASE PER VISIT," IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE TOTAL BACKLOG WAS CLEARED.

3. TALKS WITH SPACIL ALSO TOUCHED ON UK-CSSR CLAIMS QUESTIONS, BUT FCO OFFICERS OBSERVED THAT HMG IS FOLLOWING US LEAD ON THIS QUESTION.

4. CZECHOSLOVAKS SUCCESSFULLY PRESSED FOR INVITATION FOR FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK TO VISIT UK, AND BOTH SIDES WILL NOW WORK OUT EXACT DATES FOR VISIT, WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN FIRST HALF OF 1976. RECALLING STORM WHICH
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SURROUNDED VISIT OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION,

FCO IS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO CHNOUPEK VISIT WITH TOTAL GLEE.

5. CONFIRMING REFTTEL, FCO OFFICERS SAID LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WAS NOT GIVEN SPACIL DURING LATTER'S VISIT. "CHOSEN VESSEL" FOR CONVEYANCE OF LIST IS LABOR PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY RON HAYWARD (AND NOT IAN MIKARDO, AS WE HAD GUESSED), WHO WILL PROBABLY GIVE LIST TO CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR IN LONDON.
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